



# NEWS FROM THE PARISHES OF ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY AND ST CATHERINE'S, HOYLAKE

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 4: 26-34)

WEEK COMMENCING 16 <sup>th</sup> June			Church	Intentions
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	<b>Special Intention</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	<b>Peter Blackburn (RIP)</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	<b>Parishioners</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Susan
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Robert White
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	P & M
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Olga Doyle (RIP)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	J & M Fleming
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	<b>Colm Doran &amp; family</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	<b>Josephine Clarke (anniversary)</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	<b>Ana Maria Luzia Cardoso Menezes</b>

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Jean Egan, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Alan Graham.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those who are sick especially Audrey Gibbons, Pam and Anton Wills-Eve.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Margaret Collings, John Gilmour, Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.

**ONLINE MASS** via Zoom is on **Sundays** at **9am**. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524>

**ADORATION** is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's and **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The scripture scholar, C.H. Dodd, describes a parable in these words: "At its simplest the parable is a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought." The gospel today gives us two parables: the growing seed and the mustard seed. The parable of the seed growing is unique to Mark. It seems best to take it as a parable of contrast between the inactivity of the sower and the certainty of the harvest. In the parable of the mustard seed, although the idea of growth must be given due weight, the contrast between insignificant beginning and mighty achievement is primary. There are times when we might feel discouraged by the slow growth or even apparent decline of the Kingdom of God throughout our world. In our own country, we seem to have become almost completely secular in outlook. If we despair about this, however, we have forgotten that the growth of God's Kingdom does not depend on us. It is God who is the sower, and it is God's providence, not our efforts alone, that enables the Kingdom to grow. Mark wants to reassure his reader/disciple that the seed is being sown and the harvest will surely come.

**NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD MISSION APPEAL 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** At masses this weekend we welcome Barbara Charles from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work (you can also donate via the donation station at both churches).

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)** is encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at [www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024](http://www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024)

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION AND VENERATION OF 1ST CLASS RELIC OF ST FAUSTINA:** Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland. St Anne's Rock Ferry 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustino.

**AN EVENING WITH DR BILL KEIMIG** on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, USA, will lead an evening filled with laughter, inspiration and wisdom as he shares his insights and experiences of parish renewal and leading RCIA. Please book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>

**PLEASE HELP 'LET'S END POVERTY' AND CARITAS** engage with local candidates at this General Election. Caritas Shrewsbury is part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024:** 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

**CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information please visit: [shrewsburyvocations.org](http://shrewsburyvocations.org) If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**THE NEW LECTIONARY**, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable. The Lectionary will become mandatory for use from Advent 2024. The four volumes that we use on the ambo at Mass are £695 a set and the Book of the Gospels is £275. If anyone would like to sponsor any of these new liturgical books, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr David or Deacon John. Thank you for your support.



**FOODBANK ITEMS:** tinned custard, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and tinned fruit. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. Thank you.



**Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?** Please email St Catherine's ([stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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